

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

IN RECOGNITION OF KATY AND
TRAVIS MCCABE

HON. JOHN JOYCE

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, January 28, 2022

Mr. JOYCE of Pennsylvania. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Katy and Travis McCabe as the recipient of the Blair County Chamber's prestigious Small Businessperson of the Year Award.

Despite the unprecedented challenges small business owners have endured, and in the face of adversity, Katy and Travis McCabe have responded in stride with positivity, and unwavering determination as they operate Greenbean Coffee house. On their first day of business in 2017, they served over 1,500 drinks, and that number only grows as they have expanded into new and exciting locations and a full-fledged catering service. I wish them well as they plan a new location that will open this year.

On behalf of the people of the 13th Congressional District, I am grateful to the Blair County Chamber for their environment that fosters community growth and success, and for constituents like Travis and Katy for their tireless efforts.

IN RECOGNITION OF ANTONE
"TONY" OLIVEIRA

HON. WILLIAM R. KEATING

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. KEATING. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and celebrate the 100th birthday of Antone "Tony" Oliveira, a longtime resident of New Bedford, Massachusetts, who served our country in World War II and worked for the railroad industry for more than 40 years.

Born on November 14, 1921, Mr. Oliveira grew up in New Bedford and briefly worked for the Soule Mill before being drafted by the Army. Six months into his service, Mr. Oliveira was unfortunately injured during weapons training and returned home, where he began his career in railroading. Mr. Oliveira worked for New York, New Haven, and Hartford Railroad, which was later consolidated with other railroads and became Con-Rail. Stationed all over the region, Mr. Oliveira sold tickets, sent and delivered telegraph messages, and manned the control towers that operated the switches and signals on the rail. Mr. Oliveira loves to reminisce about his early railroading days in the postwar years when the railroads were extremely busy. He proudly brags that he once sold \$50,000 worth of tickets in June of 1945.

Mr. Oliveira was the last railroad ticket agent in the New Bedford railroad depot and sold the last ticket to the New Bedford-Boston commuter train, which ended service in 1958.

In addition to working on the rails, Mr. Oliveira found time to volunteer for the Disabled American Veterans organization. In 1987, after 44 years of working for the railroad, Mr. Oliveira retired. When he began working, he was No. 237 on the seniority list of the telegraphers roster. By the time he retired, he was No. 5.

In his retirement, Mr. Oliveira continues to be a railroad enthusiast. He frequently takes advantage of his permanent Amtrak pass to visit his family. Mr. Oliveira is hopeful that the New Bedford commuter rail will reopen, and there will be a revival of the once-busy rail line carrying people to and from Boston. Mr. Oliveira told former state Transportation Secretary Richard Davey that he wanted to sell tickets again if the train were to reopen.

As Mr. Oliveira celebrates his birthday with his family, I ask that my colleagues join me in wishing him a happy birthday and a profound thank you for his lifetime of service.

IN RECOGNITION OF MICHELLE
AND BRIAN CREE

HON. MICHAEL C. BURGESS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, January 28, 2022

Mr. BURGESS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the tremendous contributions of Michelle and Brian Cree of Highland Village, Texas. It is my privilege to recognize the philanthropic generosity of Mr. and Mrs. Cree to the people of Denton County over the past twenty-five years.

Originally from Amarillo, Michelle graduated from Texas State University with a degree in Social Work. She began her career with Dallas County MHMR, where she worked with adults with disabilities for thirteen years. Afterwards, she served and held leadership positions with various non-profit organizations, including Metrocrest Community Services, 100 Women of Influence, the United Way of Denton County, The Salvation Army of North Texas, and the Lewisville Education Foundation. In addition, Michelle has been active in the PTA in Lewisville ISD schools, earning her the PTA Lifetime Achievement Award for her service.

A native of Dallas, Brian learned the value of giving at an early age through the example of his grandparents and parents. His mother, Mary Anne Cree, is a well-known philanthropist for whom the headquarters of the United Way of Metropolitan Dallas is named. Under his capable direction, Brian has chaired the Jim Collin/Steve Allen Memorial Golf Event, which since 2017 has successfully raised over \$250,000 in scholarship funds to benefit Denton County students. Brian is a respected business professional, currently holding the title of CEO or Chairman of several companies: SWX Global Design & Production, Cree Visual Marketing Company, Cree Strategic Investments, and SWX Global Container Conversions.

Through their generous contribution of time, talents, and funding, Mr. and Mrs. Cree's efforts have significantly benefited multiple organizations including the United Way of Denton County, the Lewisville Education Foundation, the Denton Public School Foundation, The Salvation Army of North Texas, and the United Way of Metropolitan Dallas. The Crees brokered a crucial partnership between the United Way of Denton County and the United Way of Metropolitan Dallas which allowed the United Way of Denton County to expand fundraising into southern Denton County to better engage local governments, non-profits, and businesses to collectively combat county-wide challenges, such as homelessness and mental health. As well, the couple have contributed over \$1.5 million dollars in college scholarships and have pledged \$50,000 toward the "Michelle & Brian Cree SWX Global Design & Production Leadership Giving Circle", which is designed to increase individual leadership gifts of \$1,000 or more for the United Way of Denton County.

I am pleased to join the United Way of Denton County in saluting philanthropists Brian and Michelle Cree as they were recently honored by the organization with the 2021 Dr. Betty Myers Humanitarian Award.

COMMEMORATING THE OPENING
OF MOJO DONUTS' NEWEST LO-
CATION

HON. CARLOS A. GIMENEZ

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, January 28, 2022

Mr. GIMENEZ. Madam Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the opening of Mojo Donuts' newest location in Florida's 26th Congressional District. Since its inception in 2013, what started as one small business, today has expanded to several locations throughout the Miami area that specialize in gourmet donuts. Jimmy Piedrahita had a vision to bring his delicious donuts from his first location in Miami to South Florida including Kendall, Homestead, and the Florida Keys. He teamed up with Shawn Neifeld and Willie Muñoz to make his vision a reality.

The owners have taken a distinct approach that has allowed for them to create and craft unique donuts that incorporate South Florida flavors. Their achieved success has been a direct result of revolutionizing and fostering innovative ideas. These ideas have led to numerous customer favorites that include Guava and Cheese Donut, Crème Brûlée Donut, and Abuelita Donut. Over the last few years, Mojo Donuts has notably achieved significant milestones. They were the first donut shop to be featured on Diners, Drive-Ins and Dives, a well-known program featured on the Food Network that spotlights America's best food establishments.

When not working on crafting the next customer favorite, Mojo Donuts takes every opportunity to give back to the community.

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Whether it be hosting events in honor of community members who have inspired Floridians all around or running a yearly campaign for cancer awareness at their shops, Jimmy Piedrahita, Shawn Neifeld, and Willie Muñoz understand the importance of giving back to the community and ensuring that those who are less fortunate are met with the assistance they need.

It is an honor to join the South Florida community in celebrating Mojo Donuts' newest location. I congratulate Jimmy Piedrahita, Shawn Neifeld, and Willie Muñoz on this grand achievement. This new location will allow and accommodate residents from all of Florida and around the world. Small businesses such as this one are the backbone of this great nation and are the economic engine of America. I look forward to their continued success and prosperity in the future.

HONORING THE STERLING CAREER AND SERVICE OF CATHY IINO

HON. JOE COURTNEY

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, January 28, 2022

Mr. COURTNEY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the tenure of a distinguished public servant in my district, Cathy Iino, of Killingworth, Connecticut. As First Selectwoman for the Town of Killingworth, Cathy chose to not seek re-election in 2021, marking a capstone to almost 20 years in service to her local community. Leading a tight-knit community of more than 6,300 residents, Cathy has consistently gone above and beyond in working with her constituency to promote the advancement of Killingworth while preserving its small-town charm. Her approach to leadership—a prime representation of eastern Connecticut values—stressed the importance of cooperation, respect, and humility.

Cathy studied Humanities at the University of Chicago, graduating in 1973. After having already moved to the nearby city of New Haven, Cathy and her husband, Paul, were in search of a place to call home, moving to Killingworth in 1996. While working as both a writer and editor, Cathy continually came across new opportunities for her community to grow, prompting her to depart from her line of work and enter the world of politics. First serving on the Board of Finance, then she found success in 2007 winning her bid to serve on the Board of Selectman—the first woman since 1993 to sit on the Board. In 2009, she elevated her leadership in the town when she was elected First Selectwoman.

During her tenure as First Selectwoman, Cathy prioritized being present and available for her residents. In 2015, for example, Cathy implemented “Coffee with the First Selectwoman,” to increase transparency and citizen participation in their town government. She would make herself routinely available for residents to talk to, whether it was outside town hall or at a local business. Though there are countless examples that demonstrate Cathy's guiding philosophy of bottom-up governing, perhaps the most successful was her ability to seek out and nurture volunteers to push forward the issues that mattered to them.

Cathy truly appreciated the difference that volunteers make in small-town communities,

embodying the spirit of volunteerism through her unwavering support of resident leaders. Being a smaller town, Killingworth has always had to put its resources to good use and has been best suited to rely on the voices of many rather than one. Frequently, Cathy encouraged residents to advocate for projects that they were passionate about, at which point she would lend her support and experience. This style of leadership is one of many traits that defined her time as First Selectwoman, and it reaped great rewards. One notable result of her support of volunteers is the restoration of Parmelee Farm, a historical site in Killingworth which had long been in a state of disrepair. Purely through volunteer efforts aided by Cathy's guiding hand, the farm has since become a vibrant area that connects the community together by way of recreation, education, preservation, and the arts.

During her time in office, Cathy was paramount to addressing the quality of Killingworth's capital assets—most notably of which would be the town's surface infrastructure. Under her leadership, a two-year study was conducted on Killingworth's roads, and the most deficient in town have since been rehabilitated.

Madam Speaker, as the congressman who represents Killingworth, I had a chance to observe up close Cathy's fine work, whether it was dealing with natural disasters, such as Hurricane Sandy or the Covid pandemic and she always performed superbly. She was extremely knowledgeable about the interaction of local, state, and federal programs which was invaluable to her town.

Madam Speaker, it is an incredible honor to represent and work with constituents as industrious and progress-oriented as Cathy Iino. Throughout her 12 years in service, Cathy has capably understood that leadership is about visualizing the connections that may exist within one's own community and then uplifting those connections in order to amplify the heartbeat of the town. Cathy is dedicating her well-deserved retirement to her family—her husband, two daughters, and one granddaughter. Even upon entering retirement, Cathy has remained civically minded, thinking about those issues which both our nation and the State of Connecticut face. Her diligent professionalism, caring nature, and honest, down-to-earth style of leadership will be impossible to replace, so we must find gratitude in that her impact on Killingworth will certainly last for generations to come. To these ends, I ask that my colleagues in the House join me in honoring Cathy Iino, a steward to her community and model citizen.

IN RECOGNITION OF MONICA LYDEN MULLIN

HON. WILLIAM R. KEATING

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, January 28, 2022

Mr. KEATING. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Monica Lyden Mullin, a selfless, committed public servant who has dedicated over forty years to service to the people of Massachusetts.

Born in East Weymouth, Massachusetts, Monica and her seven siblings are the children of a labor leader and longtime member of

MassPort's Board of Directors. Early on, she realized that she had an affinity for public service and a commitment to helping others. Her start in government came in 1979 when she worked for then-Governor Edward J. King in the Appointments Office. Working directly with members of the House and Senate, she quickly developed the skills and relationships that would support her work throughout her career. What set Monica apart was the fact that she cared more about people than politics. For Monica, it didn't matter what the person's party affiliation was. It only mattered that they needed help and Monica could do something to make their situation a little better.

After four years at the State House and three years at Mass Housing, Monica decided to put her career on hold to raise Sean, William, and Brendan, the three boys she had with her husband, Sean. However, the call to public service was inexorable, and she joined State Senator Therese Murray's district staff working directly on constituent matters. Monica engrossed herself in district issues and never lost sight of the true aim of government—to help the constituents we serve. Whether it was base realignment efforts in 2005 that impacted Joint Base Cape Cod or planning for the Plymouth 400 commemoration. Monica honorably represented the Senator and the residents of the Plymouth and Barnstable District.

Her invaluable work was recognized throughout state government. When Senate President Murray, a Democrat, stepped down from her seat, the Republican who succeeded her asked Monica to continue as his District Director. Monica once again saw people, not politics, as the foundation of her work. She gladly stayed on and has continued to serve the people of the Plymouth and Barnstable District under Senator Viriato deMacedo and his successor, Senator Susan Moran. More recently, families, neighbors, and businesses faced upheaval as COVID-19 swept the globe. Monica's decades-long experience and deep understanding of government made an immeasurable difference for scores of constituents. She has always taken great satisfaction in helping and advocating for people, especially during the COVID crisis.

Monica's illustrious career in public service is deserving of recognition and her dedication, selflessness, and commitment to the people of Massachusetts is worthy of distinction. Madam Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in congratulating Monica Mullin on her retirement and recognizing her for her outstanding service to the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

IN RECOGNITION OF BECKY STEVENS

HON. JOHN JOYCE

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, January 28, 2022

Mr. JOYCE of Pennsylvania. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Becky Stevens as the recipient of the Blair County Chamber of Commerce's ATHENA Award.

This honor is awarded to individuals who continually strive for the epitome of professional development, and in turn, can excel in their career but also in our Blair County community. Becky embodies the power and wisdom of the Greek's mythological Athena